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For: LASER PROCESSING METHOD AND  
DEVICE

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Examiner: M. Woodall

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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the attached documents.

Attached are English-language translations of two (2) International Preliminary Reports on Patentability ("IPRPs"), each including PCT/IB/373 and English translation of PCT/ISA/237, both dated August 31, 2006 that issued in related application nos. PCT/JP2004/018591 and PCT/JP2004/018594. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the IPRPs as they relate to the above-identified application.

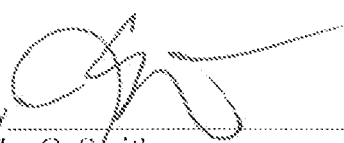
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Applicants further reserve the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed documents, should one or more of the documents be applied against the claims of the present application.

Applicant believes no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 50-0573, under Order No. 046884-5494-00-US-228671 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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